

MINUTES

PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING

September 15, 2009

PRESENT: Charles Rollins
Dean Lay
Bud Knott
Marilyn Nixon

This meeting of the Monteagle Public Utility Board was called to order at 10:00 AM by Vice Mayor Dean Lay. This was a continuation of the recessed meeting of September 8th. Mr. Lay noted that this meeting was recessed last week in order to discuss the SRF loan, but there are apparently one or two items that have to be cleared up before proceeding any further with the loan.

The following items were discussed.

- 1. ARRA – Athony Pelham talked about the ARRA program. He noted that SRF informed us recently that we had to include wording about the ARRA program in our notice so we will have to hold our Public Hearing about water rates again. It will be on September 28th at 6:15 PM. According to SRF this is the last hurdle before we will be allowed to advertise for bids and the funds can be released. Rick Hogshead from SRF said this was the only deficiency at this time. There was also an error in the Resolution that was passed approving the new water rates. The loan amount is \$6.2 million not \$7.2. This will have to be corrected and done again. Our total funding will be \$7.2 million, but SRF wants only the loan amount in the Resolution and that amount is \$6.2 million. Ald. Orr asked that the city recorder be authorized to proceed with a new Resolution and copy it to Kevin Gilliam, Anthony Pelham, Susan Goldblatt, and Rick Hogshead and any other necessary individual. Ald. Nixon made a motion to have all records concerning this project sent to Kevin Gilliam and that it be his responsibility to get the papers to the proper people. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Ald. Lay asked Kevin Gilliam if we can get a Memorandum of Understanding from him for the design, loan, construction costs, etc., so that everyone knows what is expected. He said he would like to have this for the council before the mayor is authorized to sign any documents. Ald. Lay also said he would like all of the information about this project posted on our web site and updated regularly, at least every three months, so that the residents of the town could be kept informed about the progress and cost of the project.**

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- 2. INSIDE/OUTSIDE WATER RATES – Ald. Lay asked about the city’s request for an estimate of revenues if the inside and outside water rates were the same. Anthony Pelham stated that this had been prepared and was “Option 3” on the rate sheet they presented to the council. He said it was one of the two options that SRF approved but the council had chosen “Option 2.” (Mr. Lay was not present at that meeting.)**
- 3. DEWATERING BOXES – A question was asked about the dewatering boxes and Mr. Pelham said they should be started up next Thursday. Mr. Pelham noted that the completion date in our contract was September 12th, and if there are any damages the city could ask for money from the contractor but we would have to prove that there were damages. Kevin Gilliam noted that the cost to take the dewatering boxes to the landfill would be about \$600.00 each for the two boxes, so we will pursue applying the sludge to permitted land. The boxes will mostly be used in the winter months when we will not be able to drive the sludge truck onto the land to spray the sludge because of the wet soil. It was reported that the sludge truck is in operation and is working well.**
- 4. EQ TANK – Ald. Lay asked if we have heard anything from our insurance company about settling this claim. Mr. Gilliam reported that we don’t have all of the expenses yet. We will have at least one more bill from Griggs and Maloney for dye testing. Mr. Lay asked if we could get a partial payment from the insurance company and suggested discussing this with the city attorney next week. The city recorder was asked to call Mr. Killian and have him meet with the council at 9:00 on Tuesday, September 22nd, to discuss several items.**
- 5. GRUNDY HOUSING – Ald. Lay suggested discussing the bypass at Grundy Housing with the city attorney next Tuesday.**
- 6. NOTICE OF VIOLATION – Mr. Gilliam said he had responded to this and was working on the corrections.**

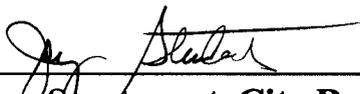
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- 7. TDEC CREDITS – Mr. Gilliam said he would have a report on this for the workshop on September 22nd.**

- 8. EXTENSION ON AGREED ORDER – Anthony Pelham reminded the council that the Agreed Order allows for one extension of the deadline to finish our projects. The deadline is December 31, 2009. He said we would probably need to ask for this extension in November. The city attorney would be the proper person to ask for this extension Mr. Pelham said. The council will discuss this with Mr. Killian next Tuesday.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder